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RE: SN 09/273,164 "COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR EARLY PREGNANCY
DIAGNOSIS" - Robert Michael Roberts et al. (97UMC034)

Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced patent application is an Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449 and references (B1, C1-C34).

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Sir:

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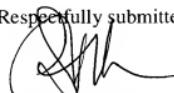
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The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the receipt of a first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits, and hence is believed to be timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). No fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement, however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to these materials, the Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Arnold White & Durkee Deposit Account No. 01-2508/UVMO:003/HYL.

Applicant respectfully requests that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

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